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THE ROUEN POST

A PAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF ROUEN POST No. 242

WILLIAM STACK

Editor

COLONEL GREEN REPORTS

Dear Mr. Engel:

I enclose a small check to help pay for the interesting record you have been sending me from time to time of the misdeeds of the disorderly lot known as Base Hospital 21. There must have been lots of records made by some vengeful individual in 1917-18 or some old men must remember a lot of other folks' youth. I doubt that you get much from the culprits themselves.

As you see I am stationed in Jimmy Costen's territory, even if he does claim to come from Tennessee. No doubt there is something in his life in Para-

gould he wants forgotten. I have been here the last five years and one tour in the late twenties. If Jimmy wants to risk a trip down here incognito I'll manage some good bass fishing for him. He might get some hot baths here too for arthritis and arteriosclerosis. There is still to be had some Arkansas "cawn likker," reported to be only for the strong and impure in heart, and Allan Gilbert has demonstrated to me the correct way to hold the thumb in the handle of a jug resting on the right shoulder during its imbibition.

Anyway keep on sending me the **Rouen Post**. I like to read of other folks' sins.

Very truly yours,

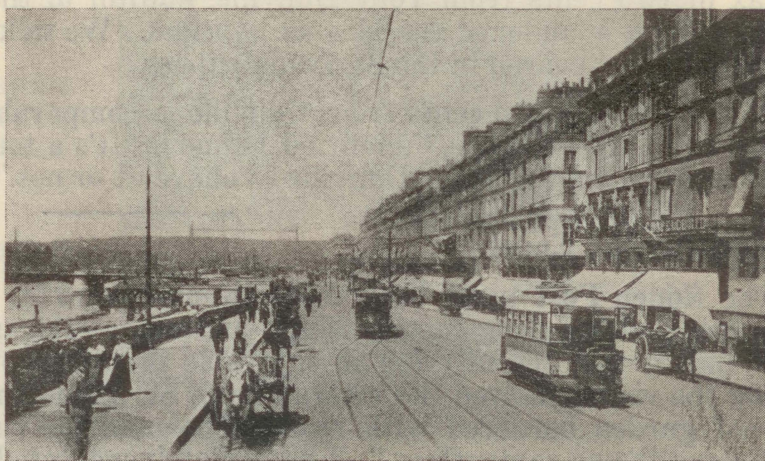
Army and Navy General Hospital,
Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

Philip P. Green, Lt. Col., M. C.

Lt. P. P. Green transferred from Base Hospital Unit 21 to the regular army service. He was severely wounded while on duty with the A. E. F. and returned to the United States where he remained in the army.

DR. BROCK HEADS DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. David W. Brock succeeded D. L. M. Kallenbach as president of the St. Louis Dental Society at a testimonial dinner, December 4, in honor of Dr. Edward E. Haverstick, librarian of the society since 1926. The dinner was attended by about two hundred members. Dr. Brock is a former member of Unit 21.



The Quay—Rouen, France

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LENNON COLLECTS \$154,209.75 TAXES

A total of \$154,209.75 in delinquent taxes of various kinds was collected last year in St. Louis and St. Louis County by Joseph A. Lennon, special counsel for the Attorney General's office, according to Lennon's annual report made public January 18.

The major portion of the collection consisted of delinquent income taxes. A total of 4877 such cases were closed, with collections totaling \$131,017. Other collections included \$18,309.00 sales taxes, \$4,754.00 franchise taxes and \$131.00.00 in inheritance taxes.

While Lennon's report made no reference to his failure to collect a delinquent state tax of two cents from Toby Dunville, auditor of the St. Louis Mart, it is known that he has not abandoned the idea as hopeless. We talked to him over the telephone after his report appeared in the St. Louis papers.

"Trying to pry two cents from Dunville is comparable to getting an honest day's work out of Shorty Wallace," admitted Lennon. "It's a tough assignment. But I've collected from guys tighter than Dunville—believe it or not."

My dear Mr. Engel:

The **Rouen Post** turns back those twenty years for me and awakens memories of real values and enduring comradeship—and more—it has been the means of bringing two of us together recently for an enjoyable though short session of reminiscence. During the visit I showed the veteran from St. Louis the pride of our office building—a roof garden bordered with real hedge—and the visitor remarked, "I don't like your hedge—it's no camouflage." I immediately suspected him of having been a member of that secret order in Rouen, the Mystic (K) nights of the Hedge. Enough said, for after all, there is honor even among thieves.

I should be delighted to have other army comrades of Unit 21 look me up when they come to New York City. I am employed by the National Surety Corporation in the capacity of industrial nurse and may be reached there during business hours.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Franklin

IT SEEMS WE WERE MISINFORMED

Dear Comrade Stack:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 9th, with which you enclose two copies of your very splendid Post paper. I have read your story of the funeral of Brigadier General Michie with interest. However, General Michie was not the only general officer of the American Army to die in France. There was General Seigerfoos for whom the Post at Tientsin, China, is named, who died from shrapnel wounds received as he was approaching the front line. There may have been others, but for brief statement of the wounding and death of Brigadier General Seigerfoos, see General Pershing's "My Experiences in the World War," volume 2, page 299.

Sincerely yours,

The American Legion Monthly

Boyd B. Butler, Managing Editor

NEXT MEETING—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1940
GARAVELLI'S RESTAURANT

THE ROUEN POST

Dear Engel:

It is with pleasure that I enclose a check to help continue the publication of the **Rouen Post**. The "Great Auk" certainly deserves a world of credit for the interesting manner in which he gets this out.

I regret exceedingly that it will be impossible to attend the Mobile 4 meeting in January as there is nothing I would rather do. However, conditions make it impossible for me to leave at this time.

I noticed in one of the recent papers that Edward (Dizzy) Shea has been in St. Louis. I wish you would please make me one promise. If Shea and Elmer Bowman, the East Side ice juggler, are going to attend the Mobile 4 party, call Bill Stack and offer him protection against their onslaughts.

Otherwise I am afraid that fear of Shea and "Languid" Elmer will probably cause him to remain away from a meeting that he would hate to miss.

Sincerely,

Spencer Allen

FRANK DEPKE BREAKS INTO PRINT

The St. Louis Post Dispatch recently carried a story of two Chinese women who are receiving massage treatments from Frank M. Depke, chiropodist, after undergoing what is believed to be the first operations performed in this country to relieve the crippling effect of foot-binding in their childhood.

The patients are postulates of a religious order at Ruma, Ill., and came to the United States for five years to study. At the end of that time they plan to go to Shantung as missionaries. They are Miss Mary Chow, 31 years old, whose feet were bound when she was four, and Miss Agnes Kiang, whose feet were bound at the age of seven.

The operations, in which some toes were amputated, were performed by a surgeon at a St. Louis hospital, September 4. The young women are studying at St. Louis University while treatment by the chiropodist continues.

Dear Bill:

It must make you feel good to learn that the product of your prolific pen is editorialized far and wide. The enclosed clipping from the leading evening newspaper of the progressive city of Little Rock, Arkansas, is a fitting testimonial to your fine accomplishments. I am pleased to send you this flower to add to your ever increasing bouquet.

817 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

Clarence W. Koch

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The clipping referred to by Dr. Koch was an excerpt from the Armistice Day story which appeared in the November issue of the **Rouen Post**. It was reprinted by the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the Arkansas Democrat.



Rouen, 1918
Left to right: Magidson, Lodge, Hutchinson, Costen

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THE JANUARY MEETING

Former members of Mobile Hospital 4 conducted a quiz program at the Rouen Post meeting in Garavelli's restaurant on Thursday night, January 11. A few of the questions presented by Toastmaster Phil Conrath, Carl Taylor and Arthur Melville were as follows:

- Q. What American colonel feared the conversion of Mobile 4 into a mounted outfit when he discovered two goats, a battered bicycle, several frayed saddles, one dismantled motorcycle, and four gassed horses in the rear of Sergeant Carl Taylor's tent at Cheppy?
A. Colonel Malvern Clopton.
- Q. Who stole Colonel Veeder's basket of fresh crabs from the kitchen in the hotel at Carnac?
A. The ever ravenous cooks.
- Q. What steward store Scrooge used an apothecary's scale to weigh Jim Sallee's daily coffee ration in 1918?
A. The present commander of Rouen Post.
- Q. What group of men in Unit 21 ate the best food and did the least work?
A. The cooks.
- Q. Was Toby Dunville's promotion to sergeant based solely on his willingness to play the piano at dances for officers and nurses?
A. Question rejected by members as too delicate for discussion in an open meeting.
- Q. What Captain in Mobile 4 wobbled into camp one night boasting that he had swum the River Aire four times—"or perhaps five?"
A. Captain Lawrence Post.
- Q. Name the men who loaned money to Sergeant Perkins in the hope of becoming non-coms?
A. List of names too long to be read at a single meeting.
- Q. What buck private would have sold his grandmother down the river any morning for a pair of fried eggs?
A. Holland Chalfant, better known as "Holland the Hun."
- Q. Name the only man in the A. E. F. who had two numbers?
A. The dice king, Judge Neely—7 and 11.
- Q. What fatuous wardmaster contracted housemaid's knee from scrubbing tent floors?
A. Jules Silberberg.
- Q. Who thought the peasant girls prowling at night on the Route d'Elbeuf were Rouen sub-debs?
A. Pink Bowman.
- Q. What former St. Louis socialite was the outstanding herder of G. I. cans on the Champs de Courses in Rouen?
A. Spencer Allen.
- Q. Name the overfed wardmaster whose appetite for sweets created havoc with the British jam ration?
A. Frank (Filbert) Depke.